

Dear Commissioners:

Stop hidden phone fees so I can truly compare prices of phone services. I support the petition filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and endorsed by other consumer advocacy organizations. CG Docket No. 04-208, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, is long overdue.

Phone bills should be truthful and easy to understand. The fact is that the phone companies are no different than PG & E, corporations, the government or any other entity out for self gain. They all rely on the "general population" to not read alllll of the information (red tape, vaious "lingo's") and in this hurried world who would. After all, there are more things to purchase, read and digest to keep you just above the next person. However, the only ones who really come out ahead are those who are trying to gain money for power. But are they really??? When and how do we take back our integrity as a person, a business, a community, a nation.... for all people????? When do we really get real????

Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. These add-ons make the advertised price of service significantly less than the amount of the check I have to write each month to pay the bill. Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices when shopping for service.

Many states are stepping up to address this problem. They should be allowed to proceed. However, the FCC shouldn't shirk its responsibility, nor limit states from doing more.

The FCC should immediately grant the NASUCA petition to investigate billing practices, and prohibit phone and wireless companies from imposing separate monthly fees, line items or surcharges unless expressly mandated by law or the charge is expressly authorized by a governmental authority.